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SENATE BILL 2240  
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AN ACT to name a bridge in Memphis in honor of Isaac W. Northern, Jr.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Isaac W. Northern, Jr. of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Isaac W. Northern, Jr. is a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, who has worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, he has served his fellow citizens faithfully and energetically in numerous capacities, and he has selflessly devoted his time and energies to making Memphis a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, because we greatly appreciate his meritorious record of public service, it is most appropriate for this Body to name a certain bridge in honor of Mr. Northern to pay tribute to his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Interstate 55 overpass bridge on Winchester Road between Elvis Presley Boulevard and Mill Branch Road in the City of Memphis is hereby designated as the "Isaac W. Northern, Jr. Bridge".

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the " Isaac W. Northern, Jr. Bridge ".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5.

(1) This act shall become operative only if the City of Memphis in Shelby County, Tennessee, either remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). The City of Memphis shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the City of Memphis within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, the City of Memphis shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

(2) The City of Memphis may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.